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Field Day 2005 at Pioneer Villa

Field Day is an opportunity to see amateur radio in action and to have a chance to ge
On the weekend of June 25th and 26th, local residents will have the chance to meet a
amateur (or 'ham') radio operators and experience for themselves what the "amateur
really all about. The Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club (known as MRAC.) will hold a c
emergency communication abilities as a part of an annual 'Field Day' event on the gr
Ozaukee County Historical Society's "Pioneer Village" from 8:00 AM on Saturday
4:00 PM on Sunday June 26th.

The annual Field Day event is held on the fourth full weekend of June as the climax of the week long "Amateur Radio Week" sponsored by the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL), the national Association of Amateur Radio. The purpose of the event is to practice and prove hams are able to send messages in many forms without the use of phone systems, the Internet or any other infrastructure that might be compromised in a crisis. Each year, ham radio operators set up communications at remote locations using power sources that vary between solar power, batteries, generators and commercial power. These 'field' operations take place in locations that range from parks to shopping malls and hams in the US, Canada and South America participate.

The setting for the MRAC field day is the historic train depot at Pioneer Village. The h
railroad and the telegraph makes this location a perfect setting for this event.

Visitors are welcome to come and try amateur radio for themselves. MRAC will spons
(Get On The Air) station where anyone, children included, may participate by getting
guidance of a licensed ham. Visitors will be able to see different methods of communi
different radios and antennas hams use and learn about the varied activities that mak
radio. This really is a perfect opportunity to get a taste of amateur radio. Please come

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